

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1449 - HB 1176

March 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs that maximum total benefit payable to an employee's estate or dependents will be three times the amount ordinarily payable if a death of an employee covered by the Workers' Compensation Law results from a violation of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Risk Management Fund
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Over the past 5 years, there was an average of 5 new death claims per year with an average total death benefit of \$128,075.
- State death claims were result of death from heart attacks and auto accidents.
- State death claims have not been for violations of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director